

39. Summer Street.

January Thursday 23. 1845. I sent off my package yesterday in such haste that I hardly know what I wrote. The whole day was as confused as an Annual Meeting generally is. I don't know what has appeared in today's Liberator touching the Perketon matter. I sent down to the printing office your copied card & resolutions, & a few lines written by Maria as editorial, & explained to the printing office by how the things were to be given to Garrison for publication in this week's paper. Wendell had gone the day previous to the office to see if the Mercury had come, but as it had not, no steps could be taken. I think it doubtful if it got it but cannot say. Daniel spent the whole of Tuesday night here & appeared to enjoy himself greatly. He is a most remarkable creature. He looks & acts a little like Sylvanus Sampson, has that same boldness, that is to extreme as almost to run into Nevada. He has read a good deal & does not seem deficient in common sense, & has many gentle man like feelings. But he is decided by guess. Just as he was going Tuesday night Mr May came in in the most joyful spirits. He has decided not to go to Syracuse, but is to remain in Lexington I think. He & Mr Stetson & others are getting up a meeting about the floor to be held in Concord Friday & Mr May wanted Maria to write a string of Resolutions. Other people are to write & Mr May will call the best. He represents Waldo Emerson as much pleased up by the floor matter. The meeting of yesterday was spent & very full after noon & evening. Francis presided with his wonted dignity & Wm White, Wm Albion & Mary Leavelle were chosen secretaries. Edmund's report read extremely well & Phillips's account of finances sounded properly as there were \$2 or 300 in the till. In the afternoon Wendell read resolutions about Texas, declaring in effect the Union dissolved. He made one of his good speeches & then Foster introduced a resolution saying it was the duty of Mass to apply to the General Gov for a military force to sustain an agent in the port of Charleston & if that be refused instruct the Senators & representatives to come home. Dr Channing Mr May & others opposed this on the ground of Non Resistance & Foster Wm A. White, Wendell & others maintained it on the ground of the propriety of holding up Mass to her duty, to her own standard which was one of violence. This debate worried Daniel a good deal and induced him to give up his very exalted idea of Wendell when he found he was not a Non Resistance. He was also greatly astonished at the diversity of sentiments expressed. He had thought

that the platform meant that every body thought alike. His surprise at the dinner knew no bounds. - Foolish resolution was up again this morning, I understood & after some little altercation passed, Abigail was kept out in the morning & in the afternoon when she got in, she spoke but very little. Mellen spoke last night for half an hour, the meeting hissed & clapped & tried to get him down & the Burleighs defended his right of speech. Charles & Cyrus are both here the first with his beard sweeping his breast & his hair hanging to his waist. John R. French is here, but what he is after I don't know. Foster too is here. Christopher Robinson, Remond and Quincy took dinner here & we had at tea, both Burleighs, Mr. Charle's former by of Fall River, a Miss Pison and Oliver Johnson. The latter seems in a very good state. Something happened in the afternoon for which I was sorry. It was nearly dark, just as the meeting adjourned, & as I was looking after C. Burleigh to ask him to tea I came plump upon Nieldeth. We shook hands & after the first civilities, there was a sort of awkward pause & as I was bent on never mentioning an article I threw word to him again, I was so left to myself as to hope that Mrs Nieldeth was well. This was entirely unnecessary & gave him a chance to say "I wish you would come & see her - We live at No 10 Beacon St." I said "Thank you" and then being aware that I had answered wrongly I said "as you did not send her any card when you were married I did not know where you were." "We did not send cards to any body" said he "not being fashionable people" but we should be very glad to see you." I bowed again & took my leave. After I got home Lucia came in rather mystified & said, he had joined her at the door of the Marlboro' & walked home with her & said "Why have not you been to see us?" Lucia answered "that she did not know where they were" upon which he pressed her to come. I am sorry this occurred as I do not care to go, & am sorry to hurt his feelings, bad as he has behaved. Lucia says she would care if she had a house of her own, but she does not wish Mr H. to be returning he calls at Sumner St. That is not my reason. I shall always see just who I please wherever I stay - Mr Chapman is not under any obligation to see any of my callers, but I hate to encourage any of her thin party sniguity. Edmund & his wife have gone to call on them to day & from him I shall pick up some thing about the lady. - To day I have not been able to go out. I took cold the night before I left Weymouth. Dr. Fifield came to the door in the night to get a particular affair left there at our house during Lucia's illness. I went to the window in my night gown & then went down to the door & in all I took a bad cold. I felt it a little the next morning, but it gradually increased till last

nights when I went to bed almost sick & had a very poor night. I do not feel ill, but have a great weight on my lungs & terrible soreness - It seems as tho' the skin were off. I have staid in all day. Mrs Follen came this morning to take up her abode for two days. She is put with Maria and her chamber is all put to rights as best chamber. Aunt Mary came from Weymouth with the Richards' this forenoon to spend the day. I could not ask Mr R. & Jane to come back to dinner, but I got them some tea & pie in the forenoon. At dinner we had Daniel, Mr Follen & Douglas & Aunt Mary. We asked Andrew Robeson & Bro May of Leicester but both were engaged. It has been rather stupid here at home to day - very provoking that my cold should come to day. Your things will come from Weymouth tomorrow; if Kewey gets the right direction. I gathered from Daniel that it was Elisha Thornton 7th St, but he did not know the No. Daniel came in last night after meeting & called this morning before. In short we are quite intimate. I shall send this letter by him. Did I tell you that after the meeting yesterday morning, Kenneth asked me to go with her & call on Bro Chandler. I really think I increased my cold, for Colonel's Parson where he boards is swept by the coldest wind, but I went & found him very miserable, not able yet to lie down nights, but in a beautiful parlour with flowers & books & every thing good. He ought to add a crocodile to his will justant. Mary Farnsworth called, but as I was writing to you I hardly saw her a minute. The Dr is at Washington. Lucetta & Maria came in town, but they went to dine at Miss Kingman's.

Our tea is just over. We have had Eliza Richards & his wife Mr Follen & Susan Cabot, Lucetta & Maria & William White & dining. Aunt Mary took tea at Miss Kingman's. We had a good tea & the folks reported a good meeting this evening mostly occupied with Mr Davis's case. Edmund seemed to have had an agreeable call on Mrs Sedgwick. He says she paints very finely. particularly her portraits of children are good. There was a beautiful one of Bro Rodman's child. She showed them into the painting room. Mr H. was not in - Mr Follen has given me some accounts which I hope may do me good.

Yrs ever A.W.M.

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